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SUBJECT: RADIO INTERVIEW OF FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL, AUG. 5

ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN A RADIO INTERVIEW AUG 5 FONMIN SCHEEL DISCUSSED A VARIETY OF CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS, INCLUDING US/WESTERN EUROPEAN RELATIONS, THE US/SOVIET NUCLEAR AGREEMENT FOR THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, AND WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS. SCHEEL'S STATEMENTS OFFER A QUICK REVIEW OF THE BROAD OUTLINES OF THE BRANDT GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND VIEWS ABOUT THESE TOPICS. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF NATO TO DETENTE POLICY AND DISMISSED ANY NEED FOR ANXIETY ABOUT THE NUCLEAR PACT. ON PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A UNIFIED EUROPE, SCHEEL WAS CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC, WHILE MINDFUL OF THE MANY UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS. END SUMMARY.

1. SCHEEL NOTED THAT THE FRG ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO NATO

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BECAUSE IT IS THE BASIS FOR GERMAN DETENTE POLICY IN EUROPE. HE

SAID: "THE ALLIANCES IN EUROPE -- NATO, ON ONE SIDE AND THE WAR-SAW PACT ON THE OTHER -- WOULD CERTAINLY NOT HAMPER COOPERATION BETWEEN WEST AND EAST. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS EVIDENT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE THAT THIS DETENTE POLICY.....IS SUPPORTED BY BOTH ALLIANCES. DETENTE POLICY ON OUR SIDE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE IF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE DID NOT EXIST."

2. HE ADDED: "THERE NOW EXIST BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WHICH WE MUST DISCUSS. CHANCELLOR BRANDT ONCE SAID THAT A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE IS NECESSARY FOR THE FUTURE. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING SUCH A DIALOGUE, FIRST OF ALL BECAUSE WE NEED IN EUROPE A COMMON OPINION, A POSITION AS UNIFORM AS POSSIBLE, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS WITH THE AMERICANS COMMON QUESTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SECURITY POLICY, TRADE POLICY, AND MONETARY POLICY. ON THE OTHER SIDE THE ATLANTIC THERE ALSO EXISTS THE DESIRE, I THINK ON BOTH SIDES OF THE OCEAN, TO PLACE COOPERATION IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE ON A NEW POLITICAL AND INTELLECTUAL BASIS, NAMELY THE COOPERATION WE NEED TO CONCEPTUALIZE FOR THE COMING DECADES."

3. ASKED ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE US/SOVIET NUCLEAR PACT ON WESTERN EUROPE, SCHEEL SAID: "CERTAINLY THERE HAVE BEEN WORRIES AND IT IS TRUE THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA ARE VERY CAREFULLY WATCHED. BUT I POINTED OUT AFTER MY VISIT TO THE US, AFTER THE LONG TALKS WITH PRESIDENT NIXON AND HIS ADVISOR, DR. KISSINGER, THAT ANXIETY IS COMPLETELY OUT OF PLACE. THE ALLIANCE IS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND THE READINESS OF THE AMERICANS TO PLAY THEIR IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ALLIANCE EXISTS AND WILL BE PRESERVED, JUST AS PRESIDENT NIXON CONFIRMED TO US IN THE PAST THAT THE AMERICAN TROOP PRESENCE IN EUROPE WILL BE MAINTAINED. THE TREATY WITH THE SOVIET UNION DID NOT CHANGE THIS AT ALL. THIS TREATY WAS CONCLUDED IN ORDER TO LOWER THE DANGER OF AN ATOMIC WAR."

4. SCHEEL OBSERVED THAT IN RECENT YEARS EUROPEAN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO REVERSES, ONLY TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS. HE SAID: "NOW WE ARE STANDING AT THE THRESHOLD OF THE TRANSITION TO THE SECOND PHASE OF THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION. AND NOW ONE HAS TO ADMIT FRANKLY THAT WE DID NOT ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE WANTED, SO THAT NOW ON JANUARY 1 OF THE NEXT YEAR THE PROBLEM ARISES WHETHER WE WILL NOT NEED SOME YEARS TO MAKE UP FOR ALL THAT WE FAILED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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DO DURING THE FIRST PHASE. BUT IN THIS SITUATION ONE SHOULD NOT DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT FURTHER PROGRAMS SHOULD NOT BE AGREED UPON. TO THE CONTRARY* WE CAN MAKE UP FOR THINGS IN THE SECOND PHASE WHICH WE FAILED TO DO, AND AT THE SAME TIME ADD SOMETHING NEW. IT ALL DEPENDS UPON HOW MUCH THE INDIVIDUAL PARTNERS ARE PREPARED TO DO BY WAY OF MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR OWN."

5. HE WENT ON: "I BELIEVE THAT THE STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS SOMETIMES PRESENTED TOO PESSIMISTICALLY. WE HAVE TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT EUROPE'S GROWING TOGETHER IS ACCOMPANIED BY DIFFICULTIES. IT CONCERNS A COMMUNITY OF NATIONS, CARRIED ALONG BY MILLENNIUMS OF NATIONAL HISTORY. THIS IS A POSITIVE ASPECT BUT IT IS SOMETIMES ALSO AN OBSTACLE TO RAPID INTEGRATION. IN SPITE OF THIS THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS DURING THE PAST YEARS WHICH NOBODY BELIEVED POSSIBLE; THE ACCESSION OF GREAT BRITAIN, DENMARK AND IRELAND TO THE COMMUNITY; IN THE FIELD OF CUSTOMS POLICY AND TRADE POLICY WE HAVE PRACTICALLY REACHED THE OBJECTIVES WHICH WE AIMED AT; AFTER JANUARY 1 OF THIS YEAR THE COMMUNITY WILL BE COMPETENT FOR FOREIGN TRADE MATTERS; WE HAVE PLANNED TO RESOLVE JOINTLY A LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT POLITICAL QUESTIONS; THE SUMMIT CONFERENCES HAVE PRODUCED RESULTS..."

6. SCHEEL AGREED DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN BLOCKING PROGRESS TOWARD A EUROPEAN UNION. HE NOTED: "THE REASONS BEHIND THEM ARE NOT ONLY TO BE FOUND IN EUROPE, BUT PARTLY ALSO IN THE RELATIONS OF EUROPE TO THE US AND ALSO TO THE SOVIET UNION OR IN THE RELATIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE TO EASTERN EUROPE. THERE IS A WORLDWIDE MOVEMENT IN POLICIES AND EUROPE CANNOT REMAIN UNTOUCHED. ONE MAY SPECULATE WHETHER IN 1980/81 OR 1979 A EUROPEAN UNION CAN BE REACHED. IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE NATIONS CONCERNED ARE FIRMLY DETERMINED TO MAKE THIS EUROPE NOT ONLY A UNION FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT, BUT ALSO A POLITICAL COMMUNITY, A EUROPE WITH ONE GOVERNMENT. UNTIL THEN WE WILL HAVE TO REACH STAGES FOCUSSED ON THE LONG-TERM AIM. I AM CONVINCED THAT ALL CONCERNED TAKE THIS GOAL VERY SERIOUSLY, BUT THERE ARE MANY OBSTACLES WHICH MUST BE OVERCOME AND EVERYONE MUST CONTRIBUTE TO ITS SUCCESS."
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